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# COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Allowability mailed September 22, 2005, Applicant submits the following remarks responsive to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

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### <u>REMARKS</u>

In response to the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance, Applicant believes that a separate Statement of Reasons for Allowance is unnecessary in the present case as the file history sufficiently sets forth the patentable distinctions of claims 1-22.

The patentability of claims 1-22 lies in each claim as a whole. That is, a single particular element or feature of a claim does not define the claim's patentability, but rather, it is the combination of elements and the interconnection therebetween that define the invention. The claims cannot be considered to be limited in scope based on this brief statement by the Examiner. For example, the Examiner's statement with regards to claim 17 is only partially accurate because it does not take into account the subject position adjustment. Applicant stands by its position previously set forth in the file history.

Applicant does not acquiesce to the accuracy of the Examiner's statements in the Reasons for Allowance nor the Examiner's partial/incomplete paraphrasing of the claim elements.

Entry of these remarks is appreciated and Applicant cordially invites the Examiner to respond, should the Examiner disagree.

Respectfully submitted,

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